

## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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April 3, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT APPROVAL OF VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS CONTRACT PW-12641; MCCARTHY/CLARK/HUNT, A JOINT VENTURE SPECS. 6550; C.P. 70787 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 4 VOTES

# JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the following change orders to:

- 1. Provide screen walls on the west side of the Outpatient building for a \$283,400 not-to-exceed amount.
- 2. Provide a revised circular retaining wall on top of the Central Plant for a \$217,500 not-to-exceed amount.
- 3. Provide revised retaining walls north of the Outpatient building for a \$271,500 not-to-exceed amount.

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REASON AND SCOPE - RECOMMENDATION 1					
Unforeseen condition		Regulatory agency requirement			
Drawing coordination		Previously approved scope change			
Contract supplement		Errors and omissions	$\boxtimes$		
An internal inconsistency in the construction documents resulted in omission of structural details for nine screen walls on the west side of the Outpatient building. The architect has prepared design details to correct the problem.  Approving the recommended action will allow the contractor to construct the screen walls. Cost negotiations for this change have not been finalized. We estimate that the total cost will not exceed \$283,400 with no delay to the project completion date. However, if the final value of the change order exceeds the cost estimate, we will return to your Board for approval. Public Works issued three proceed orders totaling \$150,000 for a portion of this work to avoid delay impact, the value of which is included in the recommended \$283,400.					
REASON AND SCOPE - RECOMMENDATION 2					
Unforeseen condition		Regulatory agency requirement			
Drawing coordination		Previously approved scope change			
Contract supplement		Errors and omissions	$\boxtimes$		

The construction documents for a new circular retaining wall on top of the Central Plant contain several errors. These include an inaccuracy in the wall height, incorrect details for connections to other walls and adjacent walkway slab. The architect has prepared a revised design to correct these problems.

Approving the recommended action will allow the contractor to revise the circular retaining wall. Cost negotiations for this change have not been finalized. We estimate that the total cost will not exceed \$217,500 with no delay to the project completion date. However, if the final value of the change order exceeds the cost estimate, we will return to your Board for approval. Public Works issued four proceed orders totaling \$50,000 for a portion of this work to avoid delay impact, the value of which is included in the recommended \$217,500.

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### **REASON AND SCOPE - RECOMMENDATION 3**

Unforeseen condition	Regulatory agency requirement	
Drawing coordination	Previously approved scope change	
Contract supplement	Errors and omissions	$\boxtimes$

The contractor discovered a conflict between the foundations of two site retaining walls and the foundation of the Outpatient building retaining wall that was previously installed. To resolve the conflict, the architect has prepared revised footing details for the site retaining walls as well as a new detail for connecting these walls to the existing retaining wall.

Approving the recommended action will allow the contractor to revise the foundation of the retaining walls. Cost negotiations for this change have not been finalized. We estimate that the total cost will not exceed \$271,500 with no delay to the project completion date. However, if the final value of the change order exceeds the cost estimate, we will return to your Board for approval. Public Works issued two proceed orders totaling \$150,000 for a portion of this work to avoid delay impact, the value of which is included in the recommended \$271,500.

We have reviewed the above recommendations as well as the potential cost impact with the Project Advisory Committee. These change orders are considered to be within the scope of the project.

There is sufficient appropriation available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Projects Budget (C.P. 70787) to fund this action.

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### **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division) and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

DAVID E. JANSSEN

**Chief Administrative Officer** 

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cc: County Counsel

Department of Health Services (Fred Leaf)

Project Advisory Committee (A. Redmond Doms, Jerry Epstein, Nick Patsaouras)